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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 3 and 5. This sheet, which includes Figs. 3-6, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 3-6. The reference numeral 9a has been added to Fig. 3, and the reference numeral 9b has been added to Fig. 5.

Attachment:

One (1) Replacement Sheet

One (1) Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

The Examiner's additional comments have been received and carefully considered.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's comment that the claims appear to be allowable, subject to resolution of the requested corrections to the drawings and amendments to the specification, as discussed below.

The Examiner objected to the drawings on the grounds that they "fail to clearly identify the 'triangular spaces defined between adjacent flanges'." While Applicants believe that the triangular spaces are clearly shown throughout the drawings, Figs. 3 and 5 have been amended to add reference numerals and leader lines to the subject triangular spaces.

The Examiner also objected to the specification on the grounds that there is "no support in the specification for the triangular shaped spaces defined between adjacent flanges." While Applicants believe that the specification as originally filed does provide sufficient support for the noted triangular shaped spaces, the specification has been amended at pages 8 and 9 to specifically identify triangularly-shaped spaces and make reference to the new reference numerals added to Figs. 3 and 5.

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Applicants submit that the amendments presented therein overcome those objections raised by the Examiner to the drawings and specification, such that the application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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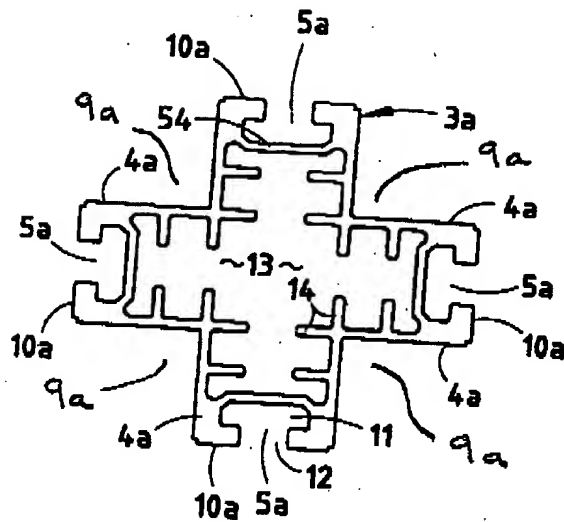


FIG. 3

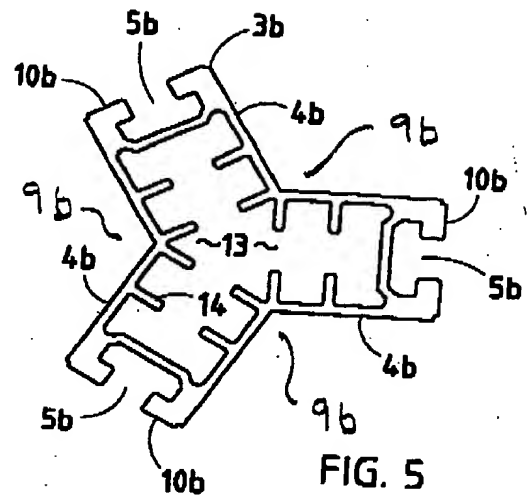


FIG. 5

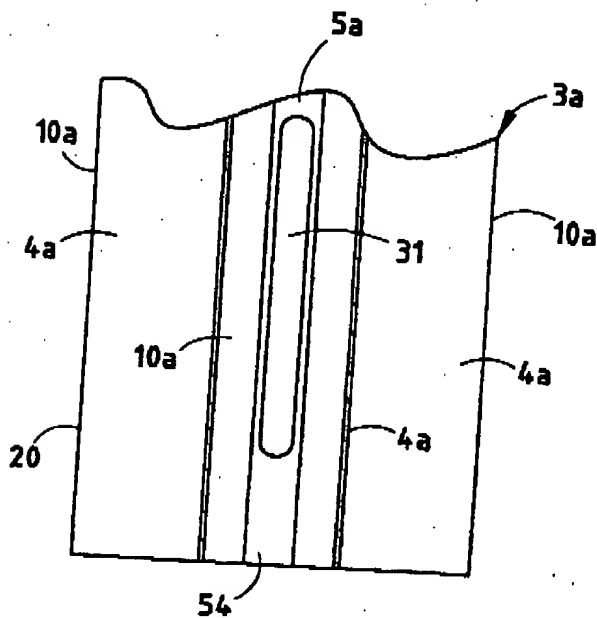


FIG. 4

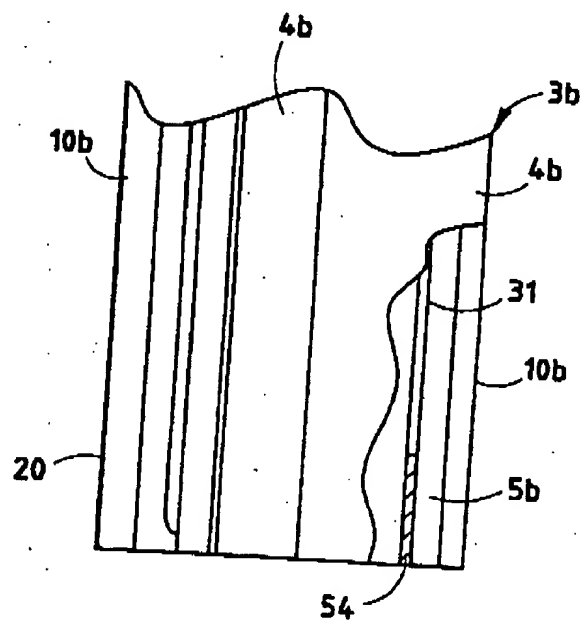


FIG. 6